IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 167 without prejudice, and amend claims 150 and 168 as follows:

1-149. (Canceled)

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150. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising:

a first substrate and a second substrate for sandwiching a liquid crystal having a negative dielectric constant anisotropy, and orientations of the liquid crystal being vertical to the first and second substrates when no voltage is applied; and

first and second domain regulating means for regulating azimuths of orientations of said liquid crystal when a voltage is applied to said liquid crystal, each of said first and second domain regulating means being provided under an alignment layer,

wherein said first and second domain regulating means consist of protrusions provided on said substrates or slits provided at electrodes on said substrates, and

wherein when vertically seen to the substrates, said first and second domain regulating means are arranged on said substrates so that said first domain regulating

means substantially surrounds said second domain regulating means in the display areas of the pixels.

151. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 150, wherein when vertically seen to the substrates, outer edges of said first domain regulating means substantially form closed curves.

152-153. (Canceled)

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154. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 150, wherein said first domain regulating means consists of protrusions provided on said first substrate, and said second domain regulating means consists of protrusions provided on said second substrate.

155. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 150, wherein said first domain regulating means consists of protrusions provided on said first and second substrate, and said second domain regulating means consists of protrusions provided on said second substrate.

156. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 150, wherein said first domain regulating means consists of slits provided on

said first substrate, and said second domain regulating means consists of slits provided on said second substrate.

157. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 150, wherein said first domain regulating means consists of slits provided on said first and second substrates, and said second domain regulating means consists of slits provided on said second substrate.

158. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 150, wherein said first domain regulating means consists of protrusions provided on said first substrate, and said second domain regulating means consists of slits provided on said second substrate.

159. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 150, wherein said first domain regulating means consists of protrusions provided on said first substrate and slits provided on said second substrate, and said second domain regulating means consists of slits provided on said second substrates.

160. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 150, wherein said first domain regulating means consists of slits provided on

said first substrate, and said second domain regulating means consists of protrusions provided on said second substrate.

161. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 150, wherein said first domain regulating means consists of slits provided on said first substrate and protrusions provided on said second substrate, and said second domain regulating means consists of protrusions provided on said second substrate.

162. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 150, wherein four domains in which orientations of said liquid crystal are substantially different are formed in an area surrounded by said first domain regulating means when a voltage is applied to said liquid crystal.

163. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device comprising a first substrate and a second substrate for sandwiching a liquid crystal having a negative dielectric constant anisotropy,

wherein said first substrate includes thin film transistors and domain regulating means, and

wherein said domain regulating means is a protrusion-like structure on said first substrate, and said protrusion-like structure is formed of a member that is the same as at least one member constituting said thin film transistors.

164. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 163, wherein said domain regulating means includes a first conductive layer of a material that is the same as that of a gate electrode of said thin film transistor, a first insulating layer of a material that is the same as that of a gate insulating layer of said thin film transistor and which covers said first conductive layer, a second conductive layer of a material that is the same as that of source/drain electrode of said thin film transistor and which is on said first insulating layer, and a second insulating layer of a material that is the same as that of a protection insulating layer of said thin film transistor and which covers said second conductive layer.

165. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 164, wherein pixel electrodes connected to said thin film transistor are provided on said first substrate, and said domain regulating means is provided in areas having no pixel electrode on said first substrate.

166. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 164, wherein said domain regulating means is arranged at slits provided on said pixel electrodes.

167. (Canceled)

168. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device ~~according to claim 167~~ comprising a first substrate and a second substrate for sandwiching a liquid crystal having a negative dielectric constant anisotropy,

wherein said first substrate includes thin film transistors, domain regulating means and pixel electrodes connected to said thin film transistor,

wherein said domain regulating means is a protrusion-like structure and is provided at areas where conductive members corresponding to said pixel electrodes are not provided, and

wherein said domain regulating means is arranged at slits provided on said pixel electrodes.

169. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 168, wherein said domain regulating means is formed of a member that is the same as at least one member constituting said thin film transistors.

170. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 169, wherein said domain regulating means includes a first conductive layer of a material that is the same as that of a gate electrode of said thin film transistor, a first insulating layer of a material that is the same as that of a gate insulating layer of said thin film transistor and which covers said first conductive layer, a second conductive layer of a material that is the same as that of source/drain electrode of said thin film transistor and which is on said first insulating layer, and a second insulating layer of a material that is

the same as that of a protection insulating layer of said thin film transistor and which covers said second conductive layer.